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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.50, \$4.20 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

r figure or series revised since previous issue
p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
n.a. not available
n.y.a. not yet available
— break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mill. kWh		Gas (c) mill. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1983-84—</i>															
February	8,522	21,156	40.0	8,001	8,974	30,745	37,389	399	425	389	401	30.6	30.5	154	162
March	10,542	45.4	8,744	8,929	35,018	37,579	430	415	429	405	31.2	26.2	176	160	
April	7,329	41.1	8,377	8,993	34,549	38,047	396	414	348	342	24.5	29.2	141	164	
May	8,963	17,714	45.1	9,115	8,843	40,980	37,345	472	445	389	364	29.2	25.5	149	166
June	9,924	41.8	9,773	8,899	42,869	36,153	486	489	421	416	29.4	26.3	175	173	
<i>1982-83—</i>															
July	9,959	42.6	10,358	8,975	45,022	35,560	524	500	410	376	31.7	29.6	200	198	
August	1,084	16,203	44.5	9,849	8,740	40,387	33,830	526	491	406	34.1	30.2	233	204	
September	1,060	37.5	9,083	9,002	38,180	36,139	509	540	450	447	33.0	29.9	249	205	
October	9,707	43.3	9,143	9,316	38,608	39,912	525	544	433	418	30.4	28.6	223	187	
November	10,315	20,094	41.0	8,800	9,278	35,308	38,246	488	523	446	424	34.5	30.5	246	201
December	7,217	30.2	8,171	9,988	30,234	36,769	513	512	434	442	25.9	29.4	213	210	
January	6,606	n.y.a.	8,492	9,344	28,801	34,867	521	495	244	367	312.3	r18.4	100	257	
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,795	r9,457	r32,034	38,490	473	489	451	456	30.9	29.5	r202	r199	
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9,354	9,581	35,127	38,129	535	513	475	443	37.9	33.3	208	198	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a)		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blankets) '000 sq m(a)		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factory(c) mil. litres	Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(e)		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Total	% of total receipts received by brokers(d)	Book value at end of quarter \$m	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1982-83—</i>															
February	2,551	2,636	943	880	9,703	10,088	180	188	362.5	382	436	39,206	78.2	33,705	33,749
March	3,128	2,855	986	826	11,419	10,432	199	184	365.5	330	428	41,014	73.2		
April	2,602	2,616	845	892	11,222	12,456	170	186	370.1	277	447	22,930	70.6		
May	2,879	2,805	695	756	11,803	10,948	161	157	372.7	274	532	23,105	72.9	33,470	33,688
June	3,583	3,175	888	891	15,846	13,320	172	174	373.9	274	562	30,584	72.8		
<i>1983-84—</i>															
July	3,126	2,838	669	689	12,905	11,364	173	177	375.9	346	543	41,698	80.6		
August	3,130	2,855	816	772	13,609	12,515	188	180	376.0	508	495	81,293	81.5	33,787	33,613
September	3,794	3,191	856	867	14,529	13,302	187	171	376.9	656	488	101,870	81.7		
October	2,943	2,560	903	843	12,750	11,210	180	169	378.9	769	480	106,978	80.0		
November	2,948	3,069	1,170	859	13,656	12,696	p171	165	380.3	723	463	90,438	73.9	p33,528	p33,504
December	2,385	2,672	628	709	9,510	11,089	p139	p152	p381.9	661	475	48,911	78.5		
January	869	2,361	565	984	5,337	14,019	p135	p155	p384.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
February	r2,603	r2,541	r1,085	r934	12,899	12,986	p159	p157	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
March	3,656	3,155	966	899	14,794	13,613	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) The commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month			Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.					
1982-83—									
February	1,621	1,621	4,408	4,118	201	110.3	-495	-563	9,979
March	1,763	1,840			209		-549	771	10,365
April	1,604	1,559			210		-547	1,533	11,404
May	2,042	1,773	4,307	4,194	213	115.8	-329	222	11,124
June	1,871	1,858			213		-689	497	10,748
1983-84—									
July	2,045	2,012	4,014	4,488	213	p115.9	-482	598	10,868
August	1,959	2,014			211		-715	1,076	11,169
September	1,864	1,850			209		-592	338	10,672
October	1,989	1,924			208	n.y.a.	-523	1,784	11,621
November	2,086	1,916	4,800	4,455	p207		-358	853	12,009
December	2,021	1,787			p207		-229	1,380	12,350
January	2,123	1,956			n.y.a.		-7359	r198	12,796
February	2,010	2,012	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		-497	r228	12,373
March	2,119	2,131			n.y.a.		-642	310	12,241

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items excepi motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Others(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1982-83—												
January	3,133	3,433	5,105	r5,256	2,975	r3,426	1,603	r1,740	26.2	32.5	8.7	11.0
February	3,081	3,482							29.7	32.2	10.5	11.3
March	3,473	3,525							43.5	40.1	13.5	11.8
April	3,364	3,477							31.4	34.2	10.8	11.5
May	3,417	3,416	5,064	r5,210	3,380	3,386	1,635	r1,752	38.0	36.3	11.9	11.2
June	3,315	3,460							39.3	36.2	11.7	9.9
1983-84—												
July	r3,361	r3,521	5,262	5,354	3,320	3,439	1,712	1,786	35.1	33.7	10.6	9.9
August	r3,455	r3,535							42.6	37.2	11.7	10.8
September	r3,485	r3,543							36.4	37.2	10.3	10.6
October	3,523	3,637							34.2	36.2	10.1	10.4
November	3,781	3,661	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.9	37.7	11.1	11.4
December	5,034	3,651							38.2	38.8	11.3	12.9
January	r3,395	r3,725							31.6	38.2	10.0	12.5
February	3,397	3,690							p37.4	p38.2	p12.2	p12.2

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc., truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: November \$186.0m; December \$187m; January 1984 \$177m.

(c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month					Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(c)								
	All males	All females	Award rates of pay index(a), adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (b)	All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(d)
1982-83—													
February	345.00	230.30	184.7	1.14	124.7	118.9	113.9	124.1	125.5	126.4	125.8	157.4	109.8
March			184.8										
April			184.9										
May	347.30	231.80	184.9	1.19	127.3	124.2	117.8	126.0	127.1	126.4	128.5	161.1	112.0
June			185.2										
1983-84—													
July			185.3										
August	353.80	233.40	185.3	1.20	129.4	125.6	117.8	127.4	129.1	130.9	131.2	164.5	113.2
September			185.3										
October			193.2										
November	366.20	242.50	193.2	1.34	132.5	127.2	120.4	130.5	132.8	134.5	139.5	167.9	113.5
December			193.3										
January			n.y.a.										
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	132.0	129.2	120.9	132.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9
March													

(a) New series. See Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, September 1982 (6312.0). (b) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll tax payers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of Overtime, Australia (6330.0). (c) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (d) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes												New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/d)					
	Building approvals				Building commended.				Dwellings commenced(a)				Materials used in building other than house building(b)		New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1982-83—																		
January	570.8	740.3	7.1	9.2	98.3													
February	837.6	948.6	9.6	10.8	273.2	2,026.3	2,013.8	24.0	25.7	415.7	141.2	844.3	969.7	2,422.4	2,794.6			
March	809.6	743.3	11.4	9.9	137					418.9	141.6							
April	714.9	797.0	9.7	10.3	130.8					422.5	142.3							
May	930.4	832.2	11.7	10.6	199.3	2,414.3	2,374.1	29.4	28.9	425.2	142.9							
June	877.7	781.5	11.2	10.2	217.7					426.8	143.6	951.1	928.4	3,049.0	2,830.9			
1983-84—																		
July	830.4	834.8	10.4	10.9	128.0					431.7	144.0							
August	1,014.5	953.0	12.4	11.7	109	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	434.7	145.1	822.6	835.6	2,708.0	2,763.1			
September	978.1	952.2	12.7	12.3	156.3					437.1	146.2							
October	975.5	961.6	12.5	12.3	149.6					440.1	147.4							
November	997.7	1,017.4	12.9	11.9	217.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	443.6	148.4	932.9	832.2	2,697.2	2,519.2			
December	888.3	943.7	12.0	13.2	185.2					446.2	149.9							
January	759.0	937.2	9.9	12.3	180.3					449.2	149.5							
February	956.7	1,038.2	12.8	13.7	145.9					453.9	150.3							

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commended' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c)		Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent		Listed companies new money raised (g)		Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m	Advances \$m	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Building societies \$m	Other lenders \$m	198	14.35	(-214.8	3,768			
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1982-83—</i>																
February	28,935	28,492	30,177	29,933	22,642	23,091	28.2	447	198	96	14.35	(-214.8	3,768			
March	28,681	28,612	31,305	30,644	23,242	23,579	28,134	509	222	120	14.60	4,160				
April	28,424	28,797	31,439	31,145	23,648	23,489	28,062	516	17	108	12.50	5,739				
May	29,106	29,394	31,389	31,584	23,860	23,563	28,016	435	222	128	12.75	35.4	5,198			
June	30,006	29,939	31,560	32,006	23,916	24,034	28,075	434	196	108	13.70		4,271			
<i>1983-84—</i>																
July	30,352	30,470	31,432	32,189	24,010	23,878	28,207	395	182	98	13.45	3,354				
August	31,034	31,098	31,373	31,890	23,980	24,001	28,191	488	217	110	13.55	483.9	4,091			
September	31,528	31,661	31,629	31,902	24,256	24,215	28,271	448	211	118	12.60	2,952				
October	31,822	31,934	31,923	31,847	24,928	24,603	28,203	474	236	117	12.00	3,399				
November	32,091	32,189	32,234	31,906	25,231	25,135	28,333	570	314	142	11.00	446.0	4,182			
December	33,181	33,009	32,958	32,504	25,648	25,561	28,516	467	303	131	11.60	3,626				
January	33,861	33,480	32,554	32,429	25,360	25,566	28,247	483	274	122	12.05	4,420				
February	34,308	33,778	32,999	32,728	25,280	25,779	n.y.a.	627	340	145	12.35	n.y.a.	4,230			
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	33,414	33,025	25,836	26,207	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.70	n.y.a.				

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure				
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES																	
1982-83—																	
September	39,561	39,993	1,273	1,472	38,288	38,521	24,368	24,497	6,510	6,638	6,308	6,424	3,171	3,369			
December	44,841	40,848	2,649	1,397	42,192	39,451	26,730	25,229	7,543	7,208	6,467	6,083	3,423	3,334			
March	38,810	41,387	1,118	1,433	37,692	39,954	24,821	25,942	7,023	7,557	5,349	5,943	2,793	3,225			
June	40,645	41,823	692	1,393	39,953	40,430	25,825	26,117	7,728	7,388	6,166	5,840	3,992	3,426			
1983-84—																	
September	43,250	44,249	1,467	2,296	41,783	41,953	26,722	26,811	7,581	7,735	5,643	5,751	3,111	3,299			
December	51,212	45,950	4,470	2,159	46,742	43,791	29,216	27,638	8,170	7,800	6,328	5,953	3,269	3,188			
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																	
1982-83—																	
September	30,537	30,877	1,655	1,719	28,882	29,158	18,911	19,036	4,824	4,915	4,809	4,903	2,292	2,434			
December	33,680	30,422	2,548	1,510	31,132	28,912	20,259	19,105	5,314	5,134	4,821	4,536	2,421	2,359			
March	28,438	30,452	1,202	1,524	27,236	28,928	18,405	19,259	5,041	5,368	3,930	4,366	1,937	2,237			
June	29,086	30,159	882	1,506	28,204	28,653	18,758	18,942	5,451	5,208	4,405	4,170	2,737	2,350			
1983-84—																	
September	30,844	31,670	1,486	2,088	29,358	29,582	19,135	19,226	5,373	5,475	4,020	4,099	2,121	2,248			
December	36,387	32,280	3,957	2,036	32,430	30,244	20,568	19,435	5,494	5,312	4,449	4,187	2,166	2,113			
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																	
Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises																	
Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincor- porated enterprises		Other household income		Other taxes, etc. (a)		Household disposable income	
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1982-83—																	
September	7,490	7,349	6,129	6,222	3,985	3,971	8,119	8,038	22,847	23,103	334	10,319	5,735	27,765			
December	7,092	7,133	6,228	6,143	5,062	4,231	10,267	8,228	24,257	23,146	1,635	13,077	5,558	33,411			
March	6,557	6,587	5,924	6,047	3,868	4,495	7,598	8,383	22,008	23,251	169	11,192	6,494	26,875			
June	6,849	6,908	6,217	6,152	4,720	4,982	7,107	8,373	22,990	22,863	-236	13,954	9,044	27,665			
1983-84—																	
September	7,371	7,207	6,555	6,605	5,619	5,601	9,373	9,844	22,858	23,064	485	12,459	5,184	30,618			
December	7,238	7,289	7,011	6,900	6,929	5,872	12,943	9,766	25,351	24,356	3,228	14,903	5,642	37,840			

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)						JOB VACANCIES (`000) (c)
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Total		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Survey estimates (c)
1982-83—													
February	4,393.4	4,356.4	2,620.8	2,608.4	7,014.2	6,964.8	418.3	236.7	95.1	441.4	308.7	750.1	16.9
March	4,379.3	4,352.1	2,665.0	2,616.6	7,044.3	6,968.7	411.6	226.2	96.0	434.6	299.3	733.9	
April	4,357.6	4,368.4	2,606.1	2,600.0	6,963.8	6,968.4	406.2	205.5	97.5	429.6	279.7	709.3	
May	4,362.7	4,368.1	2,630.7	2,623.9	6,993.3	6,992.0	412.8	214.7	93.0	435.3	285.2	720.5	17.5
June	4,349.0	4,379.7	2,610.7	2,625.6	6,959.7	7,005.3	407.9	205.8	79.4	424.5	268.7	693.2	
1983-84—													
July	4,362.1	4,378.2	2,620.1	2,632.1	6,982.2	7,010.3	407.0	192.3	87.9	429.0	258.2	687.2	
August	4,333.3	4,369.6	2,594.6	2,621.2	6,927.9	6,990.8	409.5	197.9	79.5	429.7	257.1	686.8	16.7
September	4,406.7	4,388.4	2,672.4	2,620.4	7,079.1	7,038.8	410.3	208.8	101.9	435.0	285.9	720.9	
October	4,359.3	4,379.8	2,630.0	2,634.6	6,989.3	7,014.4	384.5	183.0	85.6	400.8	252.3	653.1	
November	4,352.6	4,388.7	2,649.7	2,647.9	7,002.3	7,036.6	365.5	176.7	82.6	385.9	238.9	624.7	19.1
December	4,448.0	4,399.3	2,698.4	2,655.3	7,146.4	7,054.6	391.3	210.1	88.6	419.8	270.2	690.0	
January	4,402.1	4,386.9	2,569.9	2,656.5	6,972.0	7,043.4	424.0	212.9	82.5	452.5	266.9	719.4	
February	4,436.2	4,401.4	2,668.0	2,657.1	7,104.2	7,058.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	738.2	n.y.a.
March	4,457.5	4,431.5	2,748.4	2,698.1	7,205.9	7,129.6	380.1	212.3	108.9	404.8	296.5	701.3	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll tax-payers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA (Excluding agriculture and private domestic service) (`000)

Month	Civilian employees												Defence Forces(a) Persons	Total Government Persons		
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total							
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Persons				
1982—																
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	422.4	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	586.4	1,555.1	73.3	1,628.4			
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	427.5	7.6	6.6	104.5	28.9	969.0	590.4	1,559.5	73.2	1,632.7			
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.7	7.5	6.5	104.2	29.0	966.8	590.4	1,557.2	73.2	1,630.4			
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	428.1	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	592.0	1,559.0	73.1	1,632.1			
September	275.0	129.6	580.5	428.8	7.5	6.3	104.1	29.2	967.2	594.0	1,561.1	73.0	1,634.1			
October	275.5	130.0	580.1	429.4	7.6	6.4	104.2	29.4	967.3	595.2	1,562.5	73.1	1,635.6			
November	276.2	130.9	579.8	427.6	7.6	6.3	104.3	29.6	967.9	594.3	1,562.3	73.0	1,635.3			
December	277.1	131.5	578.1	422.1	7.5	6.1	104.4	29.3	967.1	589.1	1,556.2	72.7	1,628.9			
1983—																
January	276.4	130.8	579.2	410.1	7.6	6.3	104.7	29.2	968.0	576.4	1,544.4	73.1	1,617.5			
February	276.7	131.2	582.2	423.9	7.6	6.4	105.7	30.0	972.2	591.5	1,563.7	73.2	1,636.9			
March	276.1	131.4	585.2	429.0	7.7	6.3	105.8	30.3	974.8	597.1	1,571.8	73.2	1,645.0			
April	276.9	132.5	585.5	431.5	7.7	6.5	107.3	30.5	977.4	601.1	1,578.4	73.1	1,651.5			
May	276.7	133.0	586.0	428.7	7.8	6.6	108.0	30.8	978.5	599.1	1,577.5	72.9	1,650.4			
June	276.7	132.5	586.6	434.0	7.7	6.5	107.1	31.1	978.1	604.1	1,582.2	72.8	1,655.0			

(a) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas

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